

Roundabout Basics

The Town of Wake Forest is beginning to adopt roundabouts as part of the downtown Renaissance Plan. The first one you'll see is at the intersection of South Main Street (US 1A) and Front Street (NC 98).

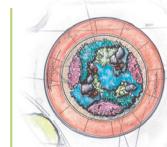
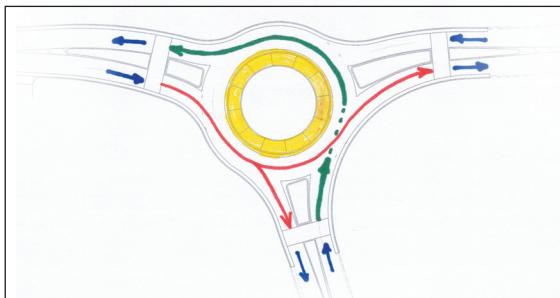


What's a roundabout? An alternative to the traditional (signalized) intersection, a roundabout is a circular intersection with a central island that is gaining popularity in the United States. Roundabouts increase safety, limit speed, encourage smooth traffic flow, and improve street appearance.

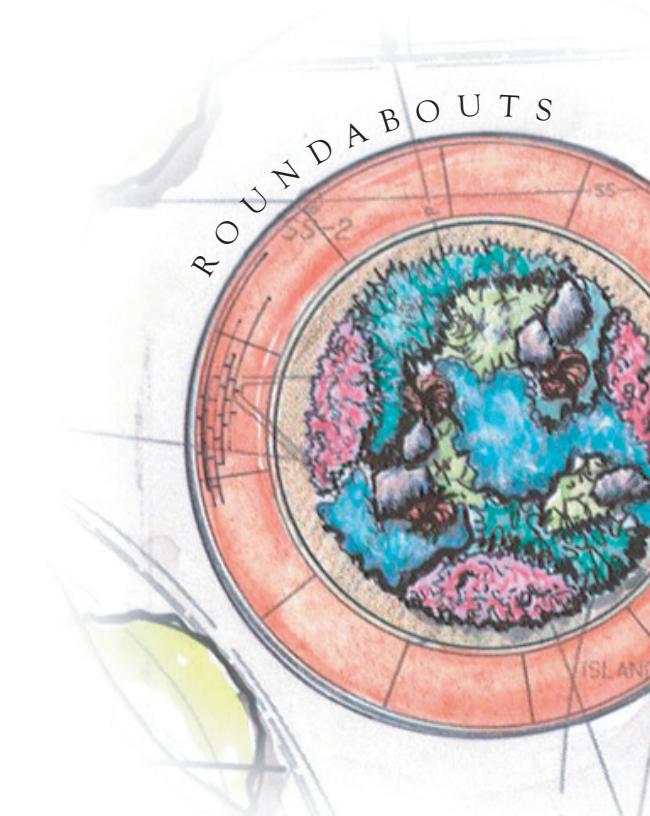
We hope the information in this brochure will help you become familiar with roundabouts as you begin to see them in your Town. Please visit our web site for more information:
www.ci.wake-forest.nc.us.

Roundabout Tips

- Slow down as you approach the roundabout.
- Vehicles (including bicycles) inside the roundabout - and pedestrians - always have the right of way.
- Before entering the roundabout, look left. Proceed when there's an opening in traffic.
- Don't stop inside the roundabout. When you're inside, you have the right of way.



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You're approaching a roundabout.

Now what?

If you are...

...in a car:

- Slow down. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Look left. When there's a large enough gap in the traffic, enter the roundabout. You must yield to the traffic inside the roundabout.
- Travel counter-clockwise until you reach your exit. Turn on your right turn signal, and exit the roundabout.
- Yield to large vehicles in the roundabout – they need more room to maneuver.
- Watch out for bicycles. Don't pass them in the roundabout.



...in a truck:

- Follow the guidelines for cars. You may use the truck apron (surrounding the central island) to get around the tight turn. You have the right of way.



...walking:

- Use designated walkways and crosswalks. You have the right of way, but keep an eye out for cars, trucks, and bicycles.
- Don't cross to the central island.



...on a bicycle:

- You have two options: ride with the vehicle traffic (following the guidelines for cars), or get off the bicycle and walk your bike at designated crosswalks (following the guidelines for pedestrians).

Remember:

- Traffic in the roundabout has the right of way.
- All traffic moves in a counter-clockwise direction.
- Don't stop inside the roundabout.